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Today's weather: Light variable winds. Fine at first becoming partly cloudy, warm and hazy.  
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## Reds Threaten Chengtu

### The Robot Parachute

## Wounded Nationalist Troops Pouring Into Hongkong

### GOVT. GIVEN PROBLEM OF REPATRIATION

## Tung Wah Caring For Men

Nearly 1,800 Nationalist disabled soldiers and refugees who are today being provided with accommodation and treatment at the Tung Wah hospitals, have created a first-class headache for the Hongkong Government.

Government appreciates that they have to be repatriated, but no guarantees can be obtained from the Hainan authorities that if the men are taken there they will be permitted to land. Nor is it certain that permission will be given for them to go to Formosa.

Government officials are making continuous efforts to resolve the dilemma, and hope that very shortly they will succeed in arranging for the men's transport and their repatriation to an area still controlled by the Nationalists.

Most of the refugees have expressed a desire to go to Hainan, and negotiations are proceeding with local shipping companies.

In the meantime the men are being housed in the main hall, compound and every available corner of the Tung Wah Hospital in Po Yan Street, and in the Farwell Pavilion in Kennedy Town.

Meals and medical care are being provided by the Tung Wah.

Mr Chow Cham-kang, chairman of the Board of Directors of Tung Wah has appealed for public subscriptions to help the disabled men.

At present Tung Wah is meeting the expenses which amount to at least one dollar per head per day.

### FOUGHT JAPANESE

Some of the disabled soldiers possess certificates of commendation for their services during the war against the Japanese, while quite a few, who have lost sight, arms and legs, are victims of the China civil war. Hitherto these men have been living in disabled soldiers' camps and general hospitals in Canton or Shantung on funds appropriated by the Ministry of Defence prior to the arrival of the Communists.

Early in November several hundred of these men were sent by the Communists to return to their own villages in North China and were given free passage from Canton to Shumchun. From there they crossed into Hongkong territory.

Since then hundreds of similar cases have been pouring into Hongkong daily.

Asked why, as Northerners, they did not go to their own homes instead of coming to Hongkong, they told a Telegraph reporter that they were disabled Nationalist soldiers and they had no confidence in being able to make a living in their home land under Communist rule.

The men appear to be quite confident that the Government in Hainan will look after them. One man from Mukden said they were treated quite well by the Communists in the early days of the take-over in Kwangtung, but later they were sent to concentration camps at Tungshan where they were provided with a bare half catty of rice.

He claimed there were about 10,000 Nationalist soldiers, mostly disabled men, in various concentration camps in and near Canton.

The refugees at Tung Wah include a few Nationalist officers who escaped from Communist training camps in Canton. One of them, Captain Shen Tze-chen, a Signal Corps officer of the Third Area Command, said he left Canton because he could not bear the suspicious eye of the Communists.

He who, from time to time, questioned him and his colleagues on their politics. If they disagreed in their answers the men were condemned as "too backward in thought."

He expects to be back in New York next Wednesday. The present record is 6 days, 3 hrs.

The President's message emphasises the need for the free peoples of the world to make the aeroplane a force for peace.

—Reuter.

Timoshenko's New Appointment

Berlin, Dec. 1.—The West Berlin newspaper Kurier tonight reported that Marshal Semyon Timoshenko had been appointed Marshal Konstantin Rokossovsky's successor as commander-in-chief of the Soviet Union's Western armies.

The paper added that Marshal Timoshenko would have under him approximately 275,000 troops in Germany as well as troops in Austria, White Russia and the Baltic provinces.

### FOR A PRINCESS



### TO HUNT FROM

Tullis hunting lodge is to be built on the slopes of Mount Kenya as a \$2,000 wedding present from the Kenya Government to Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh.

The grounds run down to the banks of the Sagana River, known for its good fishing, and there are pleasant woodland views.

Princess Elizabeth has arranged that the lodge will be used by the Kenya Government until she decides to visit it.

London Express Service

## Stuart In Serious Condition

### Cerebral Hemorrhage

Washington, Dec. 1.—Dr J. Leighton Stuart, 78, United States Ambassador to China was stricken by cerebral hemorrhage today and is in "serious condition."

Dr Stuart suffered the stroke aboard a train while returning here from a lecture engagement at Cincinnati, Ohio, University. He was removed from the train this morning and taken to the U.S. Naval Hospital at nearby Bethesda, Maryland. He is reported to be partially paralyzed.

Dr Stuart spent most of his adult life in China. He was born at Hangchow on June 24 1870, but returned to the United States for his education at Harvard, Yale and the Union Theological Seminary. He then returned to China and taught at the Nanking Theological Seminary from 1908 to 1910.

Then he began his 27 years as President of Yenching University. Dr Stuart was chosen by the former Secretary of State, General George Marshall, to be United States Ambassador on July 12, 1940. At that time, General Marshall was in the United States embassy in China and with Dr Stuart sought unsuccessfully to end the civil war.

Dr Stuart left China on August 2, approximately three months after Nanking was occupied by the Communists.

Dr Stuart is a widower and has two children.—United Press.

### Fatal King's Rd Accident

A Chinese male pedestrian was killed and another man seriously injured when they were knocked down by a taxi of Fel King Garage, in King's Road near the APC installations, at about 6.20 this morning. Full details of the mishap are not yet known.

The man killed was Yee Hui, aged 46, of 250 but, Nechall at Causeway Bay. The injured man was sent to the Queen Mary Hospital.

### Big Decisions On Atlantic Defence

Paris, Dec. 1.—Far-reaching decisions were reached by the Defence Ministers of the 12 Atlantic Pact nations at their meeting in Paris today.

The official communiqué issued tonight naturally does not reveal any detailed military plans, but announced what is considered in French Government circles as an all-important agreement on a common strategic plan for the defence of Europe and North America against a potential aggressor from the east of the European continental area.

Reuters learned from the highest military sources here that the agreement on what the communiqué called strategic defence of the North Atlantic area is a landmark in the history of the overall military plan would be limited in the case of attack to an abandonment of Western Europe to the enemy.

The basic idea of the agreed strategic concept is to meet the enemy as far east as possible and to provide the maximum possible strength in order to prevent Western Europe being overrun.—Reuter.

## GOVT. MAY BE FORCED TO FLEE SOON

Chengtu, Dec. 1.—The Chinese Communists today captured Lungchang, 116 miles from the new Nationalist capital of Chengtu, and it appeared that the Government might have to flee again before it had settled down in its new location.

High Government officials in Chengtu told the United Press that the Nationalists probably would have no other choice than to flee to their island refuge, Formosa, despite the loss of face entailed in abandoning the mainland. The Communists scheduled a triumphal entry into Chungking for today, and it was estimated here that as many as 90 percent of the civil servants employed by the Government in Chungking were not able to escape the Communist armies' swift advance.

The troops which captured Lungchang, cutting the Chungking-Chengtu highway 95 miles west of Chungking, were reported to be marching on Neichiang, only 92 miles from the new provisional capital across a wide and easily travelled plain. Other Red troops drove into Szechuan province from the south from Pichieh to which the provincial government of Kweichow province had fled earlier.

In addition, another Communist column was reported to be moving westward along the road from Chungking.

Government troops were blowing key bridges on the main highway in an effort to slow down the Communist advance, and refugees arriving here said the road was strewn with hundreds of abandoned vehicles.

Reports from Neichiang said panic and confusion had broken out there. Government sources in Chengtu frankly named Premier Yen Hsi-shan for being unprepared for the loss of Chungking and said that unless Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek could muster better defenses than for Chungking and Canton, Chengtu must soon fall.

Nationalist sources said that many of the government workers were trapped in Chungking, including employees of the President's Office and the Cabinet who could not leave because they had no money for travel. Some officials who did get here arrived without baggage.

Generalissimo Chiang was expected to announce officially that he is resuming his position as President, but it was believed that he would await the return from Hongkong of two of his emissaries, Vice-Premier Chu Chia-hua and Hsiao Lan-yi, Secretary General of the Supreme Council, who tried to persuade Acting President Li to resume his duties.

Business in Chengtu came to a standstill when the official occupation of Chungking was announced. The prices of food and gold went up and the city, once famous for its tranquillity, was gripped with fear.—United Press.

### French Minister Resigns

Paris, Dec. 1.—The French Agriculture Minister, M. Pierre Pflimlin, a member of the MRP (Popular Republican Party), tonight announced that he had resigned, the Agence Presse relayed.

He was known to be in disagreement with the French Treasury about certain aspects of the 1950 budget bill.—Reuter.



Major Terrence Williams, former British army parachutist, wears newly-developed "automatic" parachute equipment at Herfordshire, after demonstrations of the chute that opens automatically at pre-set height. The robot chute is worn with regular seat-pack harness, with a control box attached at the waist. Left dial on box is time release for jumps at normal height to delay opening for five seconds allowing jumper to clear plane. Right dial is height release for jumps from high altitudes to allow jumper to fall through rarefied air before chute opens. Wire runs to tripping device that starts mechanism, and bulb is for manual release. Major Williams wears emergency chute on chest.—AP Picture.

## Chinese Delegate Rejects United States Resolution

Flushing, December 1.—Nationalist China today rejected a United States sponsored resolution on the Communist conquest of China. It said the resolution would prove to be a "heap of beautiful phrases" unless the United Nations urges its members to refrain from giving military or economic aid to the Peking regime.

Dr Ting-fu Tsang of China appealed to the Assembly's main Political Committee to declare "moral sanctions" against the regime proclaimed by the Communist leader, Mao Tze-tung, with the backing of Russia.

He said the draft resolution sponsored by the United States, Australia, Mexico, Pakistan and the Philippines contains many sound principles, some noble sentiments, and few beautiful phrases. But when foreign powers continue to give military and economic aid to the Chinese Communists, could the Chinese people be said in any way to possess the freedom of choice in government and politics? Of course not.

Dr Tsang argued that the Political Committee should adopt the resolution he proposed last week, which condemns Russia for backing the Communists, asks the United Nations members not to recognize the regime, and in what he referred to as its "second operative clause" asks an embargo against military and economic aid to the Communists.

THE SECOND CLAUSE "Without the second operative clause of the Chinese draft resolution the joint draft resolution would be a heap of beautiful phrases. If the Assembly should adopt the joint draft resolution and not adopt the second operative clause of the Chinese draft, it would involve itself in contradiction. Such a position would simply be ridiculous," said the chief Chinese delegate.

He made a direct approach to Britain to weigh the "stake of our Chinese people" against its investments in China. Dr Tsang said, "If press reports are to be believed, the government of the United Kingdom intends to secure some form of recognition to the Chinese Communists very soon. Britain has investments in China amounting to a value of US\$1,000,000,000. It is a big sum. I do not blame the British government and its people for thinking the British stake in China is important and for

wishing to devise measures to safeguard it. But, however big the British stake in China it cannot be compared to the stake of the Chinese people in China, for our stake is nothing less than political independence of our nation and the freedom of 450,000,000 human beings. It is unimaginable that any freedom-loving people would deliberately choose to jeopardize the whole future of China for a sum of \$1,000,000,000."

He continued, "The tragedy of the matter is that no matter what measures of appeasement Britain may adopt vis-a-vis the Chinese Communists, British investments in China remain insecure so long as the Communists keep their power in China."

Dr Tsang warned the West against believing that Mao Tze-tung might become another Marshal Tito. "Nothing can be more foolish than such speculation and wishful thinking. The Chinese Communists are 100 per centers in both domestic and foreign policy. Mao Tze-tung is a sincere believer in world revolution. One Tito in this world is enough—more than enough—for Moscow. Hereafter the Kremlin will see to it that no second Tito will arise in any part of the world.

"Russia has managed to dominate Manchuria. The Chinese Communists cannot feed their army or the great cities of Peiping, Tientsin, Shanghai, Nanking and Canton. Without Manchuria's coal and iron, the Chinese Communists cannot make any appreciable advance in the industrialization of China.

"Manchuria is the key area not only of China but of the whole Far East. Japan made herself a 'first class' power mainly with the resources of Manchuria. Today, that key

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### EDITORIAL

## Ferry Defrauders

WHEN between ten and twenty thousand people every month are prepared to try and defraud a ferry company out of its lawful fares, the time has arrived for some drastic action. Records of the Hongkong and Yamattai Ferry Company prove that at least 10,000 travellers on their cross-harbour services tried to evade payment of fares during October, and it is suspected that almost as many swindlers "got away with it" during the same period. Here is a nice commentary on the present morality of Hongkong: It gives pause to wonder whether the Colony is entitled to apply the word to itself, for nothing could be more petty and mean than an attempt to evade paying 20 cents for a trip from Jordan Road to the Praya, or vice versa. The ferry company has good reason to feel alarmed about the position, for it is not only directly losing revenue to which it is entitled, but also indirectly, because overhauled are being unnecessarily increased as a result of having to employ additional inspectors to try and catch the defaulting passengers. Nor can Government afford to be uninterested: loss of revenue on the part of the company involves a corresponding loss in royalties; and at a time when Government needs every cent it can lay its hands on. Two questions are posed: (1) Can a system be found which will make it practically impossible for casual passengers to evade payment of fare before entering a ferry boat? (2) What, otherwise, in the form of a monetary penalty, is calculated to act as a sufficient deterrent? Taking the second question first: the ferry company appears to believe that enforcement of double fare when a person is found to have boarded a boat without paying will be a sufficient deterrent to a repetition of the offence, and a stern enough warning to others who might feel disposed to try free rides. We do not think the penalty

is anything like enough to meet the purpose in mind. We would prefer to see the regulations amended to permit of fare-evading passengers being charged one dollar. This would make the pastime of trying to defraud the ferry company somewhat too expensive, for it is reasonable to believe that the type of person who tries to avoid payment is not one who can afford easily to part with a dollar for crossing the harbour. Not only would such a penalty act as a deterrent, but it would enable the company to recover revenue lost through those travellers who managed to elude the inspectors and to get their trips free. The first question mentioned earlier also requires attention. Despite the company's explanation of how so many passengers manage to board ferries without paying their fares, it still seems incredible that some system of checking before anybody embarks cannot be devised and put into operation. It seems to be the height of naivety for a turnstile operator to accept the word of a person that somebody behind him or her will do the paying and to allow that individual past the turnstile. If one person is going to pay for more than himself, he should be the one to tender the fares—not somebody who is supposed to be behind him. And so far as season ticket holders are concerned, if necessary, they should be made to display their tickets every time they travel—anybody who cannot do so (especially if they are unknown by sight to the inspectors) would then be made to pass through the turnstiles. While there is plenty of sympathy for the ferry company in being mulcted of its revenue, there does also appear to be room for a general tightening up of the system under which passengers are scrutinised and made to pay their fares or disclose their bona fides as season-ticket holders before they are permitted to embark.

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## PICTORIAL NEWSFRONT



**PILING UP**—While sanitation men in Paris staged a walk-out for higher wages, rubbish piled high in the streets. This scene is at the market — Les Halles. Soldiers were put on street-cleaning detail in Paris.



**FLYING THROUGH SPACE**—The angle of this shot of two of the horses of the Quadrige on the Wellington Arch, Constitution Hill, in London, creates the optical illusion that they are flying through space. But they're fastened firmly enough.



**GET FILM AWARDS**—Sir Laurence Olivier and Anna Neagle with their Gold Trophy awards in London. The awards, Britain's oldest international film honour for merit, were given for the two outstanding film performances of the year in British pictures.



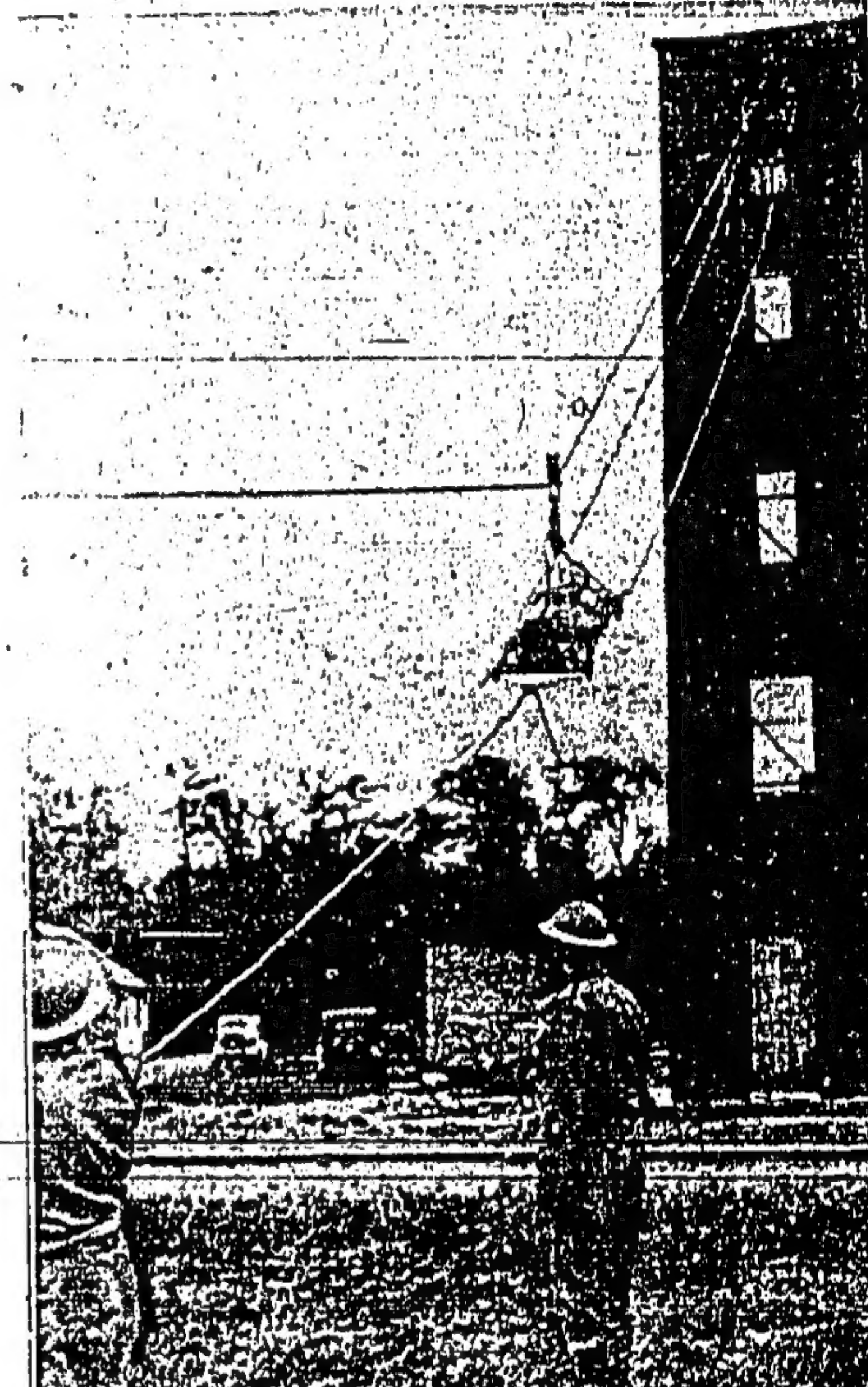
**THINGS TO COME**—Because an unexpected snowfall covered the area around Lebec, California, threatening the multi-million dollar citrus crop, Mrs Charlotte Hernandez, left, took a picture of Mrs Mary Bibbs. They went on to warmer climes, but wanted to prove what they had seen.



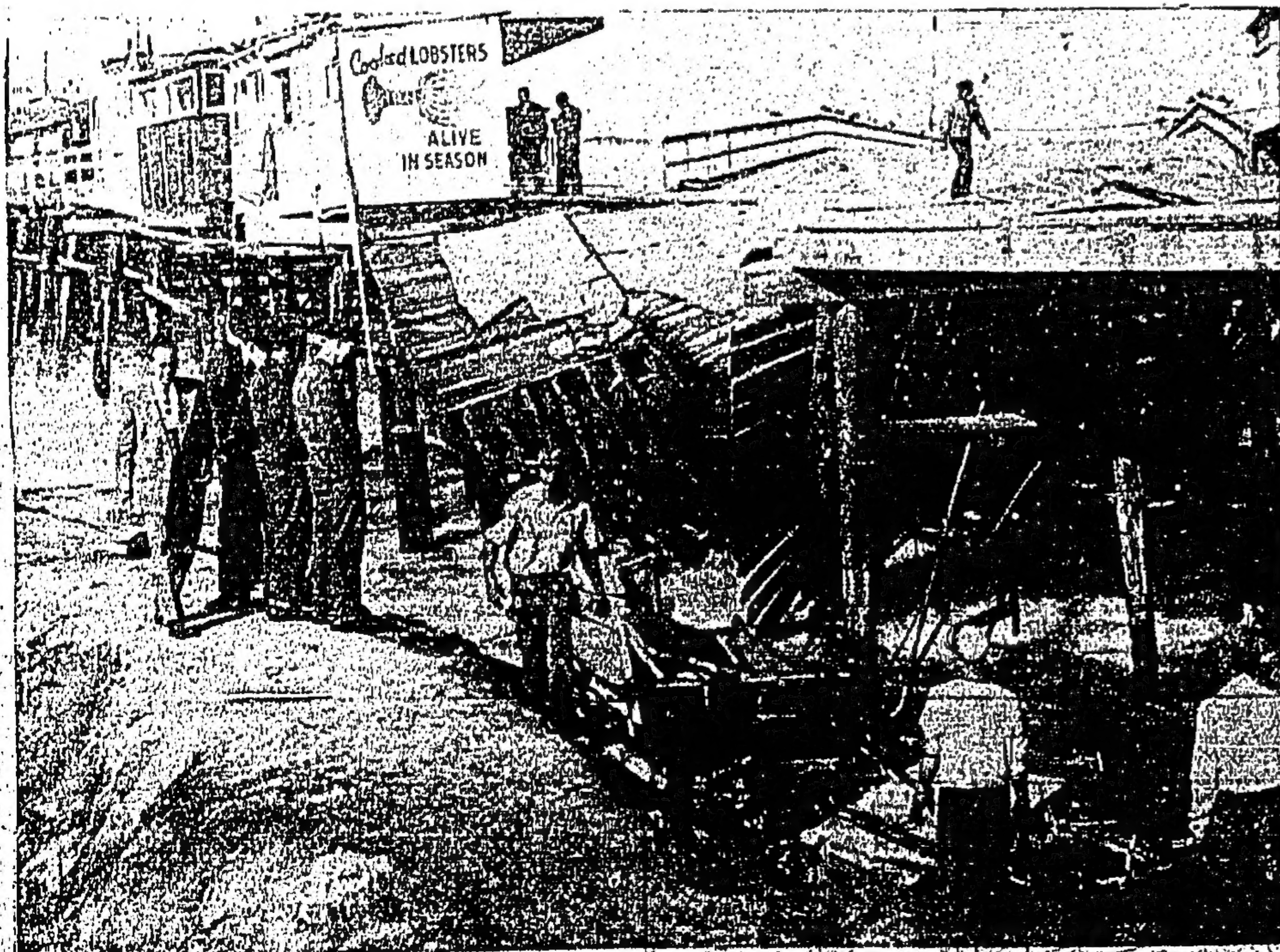
**HOLDS CONVERSION RECORD** — As Bob Kennedy holds the pigskin, New York pro football Yankees' Harvey Johnson place-kicks. Johnson has 88 consecutive conversions to his credit, which is an All-America Conference record.



**PRACTISING**—Marie Roe is one of 50 pretty chorus girls who will match their curves in a competition at Las Vegas, Nevada, and she looks like a certain winner.



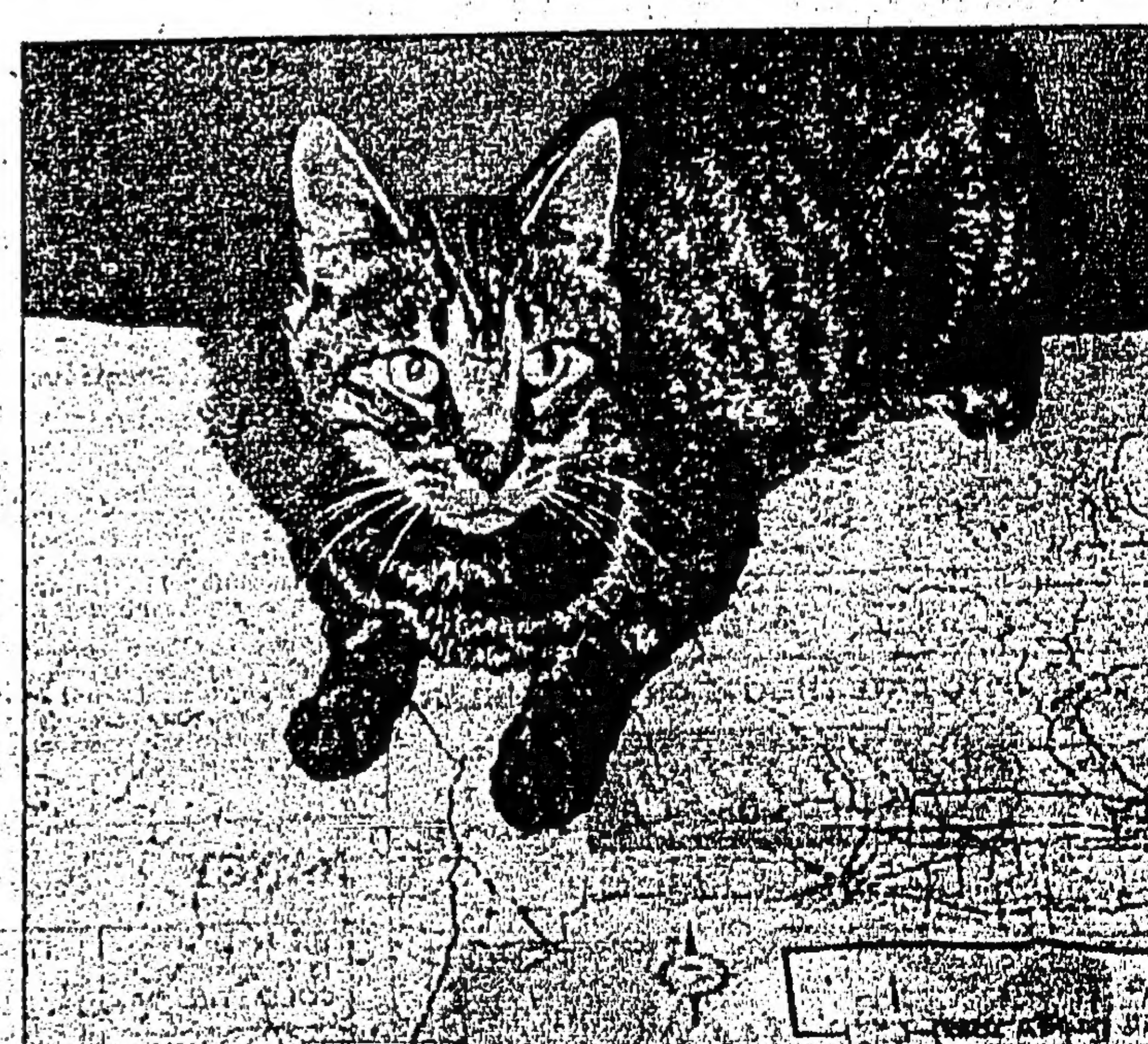
**PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE**—A civil defence and fire-fighting squad in Easingwold, England, is demonstrating a rescue method when the victim is trapped in a high building. They hope their experiences will be useful in any possible future emergency.



**UNDER THE WEATHER**—A section of the Municipal Pier in Redondo Beach, California, sagged into the sea where storm-churned waves pounded the pilings until 30 feet of it collapsed. Damage to sea-food shops along the pier was enormous.



**FOR DINNER**—Actress Arlene Dahl wears this dinner dress of rustling black taffeta which features a rosette-dotted bodice of souffle over chiffon.



**THE LONG WAY HOME**—When Mr and Mrs Arnold Briddon, Jr., went for a stroll in Rochester, N.Y., their pet cat, Belgium, went along. But the cat kept right on going — all the way to Colver, Indiana, which is 650 miles as a cat walks. When Belgium returned, six weeks later, he had lost half his original weight.



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A Thread Of Gold Runs  
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JOHN PREBBLE

WHEN Daphne du Maurier returned from her Italian holiday recently there were two important appointments in her diary.

The first was to despatch her son Christian (just nine) to his first boarding-school. Near to tears, she fulfilled this Spartan duty of the upper middle-classes with fortitude.

White-faced, but brave, she says, Christian also kept a stiff upper lip.

The second appointment, far happier, was to lunch with her publisher, "dear Victor" Gollancz.

## Highly profitable

THE CONVERSATION at that lunch was undoubtedly of the "steele"—108,000 copies subscribed before publication.

Her thirteen work in 17 years (eleven novels, two plays), nothing in the book will halt thousands of readers in a headlong rush to share her heavily scented, scented world.

A highly profitable world, though, for Miss du Maurier and dear Victor.

From "Rebecca" her first success, through "Hungry Hill," "Jamaica Inn," and "Frenchman's Creek" to "The Parasites," there has run a thread of gold.

Her fortune in book, play, and film rights.

The extent of it is shrouded with commendable discretion. But there are indications.

Earlier this year the U.S. Treasury refunded her £4,650 on income tax.

And Sir Alexander Korda is said to have paid the largest figure on record for the film rights of "The King's General," 1,250,000 copies of which were sold within four months of American publication.

Hollywood paid £10,000 for the film rights of "Rebecca" in 1938, and £20,000 for "Frenchman's Creek" during the war. Income tax on these sums has, of course, been heavy.

Miss du Maurier's appearance is quite deceptive in face of such achievements. Aged 41, a fragile forehead, greying hair, jutting chin, a pleasing and modest laugh, a slight lisp. A woman who looks uncomfortable in formal clothes, and probably feels it.

If she had been born the daughter of a civil servant, and brought up as civil servants' daughters are, it is unlikely that she could have written as she does.

But if you are born the daughter of a famous actor, the granddaughter of a famous artist and novelist, the great-granddaughter of an impoverished French emigre, and the great-great-granddaughter of a royal Duke's mistress, then it is most probable that you will have a romantic attitude toward life.

## A reminder

SOMETHING OF Miss du Maurier's close interest in her family's romantic past was recently demonstrated.

When she returned from Italy, she stayed for some days at her husband's bachelor flat in King's-road, Chelsea.

There, from the sixth-floor window, she looked down on the square of the Duke of York's Barracks.

She was pleasantly reminded of the fact that her ancestor, Mrs. Mary Anne Clarke (no better than she should have been, Miss du Maurier admits), was the mistress of that Duke after whom the barracks are named.

With such a woman began the impossible story of the du Mauriers.

Clarke's daughter, Ellen, married a Mcawber-like French emigre called Louis Malthurin Busson du Maurier.

Their son, George, became a Punch artist, author of "Peter Rabbit" and "Trilby."

His son was the great actor, Sir Gerald du Maurier. And his daughter was Daphne.

## Good mimic

WITH SUCH an alternating legacy of talent in literature and the theatre, Miss du Maurier has come to believe that ability will skip a generation in inheritance.

She is therefore keeping an eye on Christmas to see if he has any of his grandfather's theatrical genius.

"Already," she says cautiously, "he is a very good mimic."

Nor do the romantic trappings of Miss du Maurier's genealogy end with such antecedents. For she is married to a portion of British Military history—Lieut-General Sir Frederick Browning, Airborne Commander at Arnhem, now Comptroller of Princess Elizabeth's household.

## Beautiful ghost

IS IT LIKELY that with such background a woman could write only of frustrated love in the suburbs?

In any case, she does not live in the suburbs to discover whether such emotions are possible there. The Brownings inhabit a charming old manor house near Fowey, Cornwall, and everybody who reads the gossip columns now knows.

In appearance and legend (complete with a beautiful ghost and a walled-up body) it does nothing to spoil the romance of the du Mauriers.

It is called Menability (why, nobody seems to know) and was the original for the fabulous Mandelstey of "Rebecca."

But, says Miss du Maurier, it is not really as grand, "rather in an uncompleted place in fact, with plenty of rails and no control building." But she has loved it since she was a child.

## Quite happy

SIR FREDERICK'S visits to Menability are confined to week-ends, when he can get away from Clarence House.

But Miss du Maurier, who has a detestation of all cities with the possible exception of Paris, is quite happy to stay at Menability, wearing old slacks, old jerseys, walking, boating.

There she writes easily and quickly. "The Parasites" was begun in February this year, completed by May, right on time in Mr Gollancz's schedule.

No early riser, she starts work at 10.45, works until lunch, eats and walks until 3, starts again and works until 6.

Three months to write a book leaves her a good part of the year to "lie fallow," playing with ideas that may remain in her head for a year or two before she puts them on paper.

Her writing is a sincere and highly personal thing. Nobody, not even her husband, sees the book until it is finished. "I couldn't bear to read out parts of it like some authors do."

## No queues

ALTHOUGH SHE lives a life very remote from that of the housewives who are now putting down their names on the library lists for "The Parasites," she intuitively knows what avenues of escape they want opened before them.

If she uses "phrases that are as much worn as a William IV penny" (according to the late James Agate), her readers at least regard them as good, undervalued currency.

She combines, her life as housewife and novelist with fair ease.

The only real hitch was during the war when "Frenchman's Creek" was held up by messes among the children (there are three: Tessa 16, Flavia 12, and Christian).

She does not know how she would get on if she had to stand in queues. "In the country we just get on the phone."

## Hard knock

UNTIL LATE last week she had not read the reviews of "The Parasites," but "I believe they're awful, aren't they?"

They are not that bad. Critics, although they have stopped qualifying their praise with the sentence "Not as good as 'Rebecca,' not..." seem to think she is well enough established to take a few knocks.

But none of the knocks has been as hard as that of Agate's comment on "Rebecca": "It is atrociously written. But, he said, he went on reading 'because it was a thundering good novel.'"

Miss du Maurier would like the critics' esteem, but likes a reader's praise much more.

Like that from the ex-P.O.W. who wrote to say that but for "Frenchman's Creek" he and his fellow-P.O.W.s. would have gone crazy.

That book was a first-rate piece of romantic hokum in which Miss du Maurier excels, eminently suited to take a man's mind off the barbed wire.

## Sense of humour

SHE HAS a generous sense of humour, too, and few things amuse her more than the stories that are told about her.

It is said that she invented the Airborne anecdote ("My husband may have done, I certainly didn't").

That she is too proud to speak to anyone below royal blood ("It's true I once bobbed a curtsy to the Princess").

That she goes everywhere in a white Rolls-Royce ("We have an old 1933 Ford and a 1937 M.G. only, I'm afraid").

## Next best thing

IT IS perhaps unfortunate that, being the descendant of a family so rich in romance and theatrical extravagance, Miss du Maurier should come to maturity in a world of austerity, much gloom, and much lack of spontaneous passion.

However, she has done the next best thing. By her type-writer, she has created an entirely unpracticable but highly entertaining world of her own.

And by it earned far more than the unfortunate Mrs. Clarke got by wheeling commissions out of the Duke of York and selling them to ambitious Army officers.

—(London Express Service)

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Though "acquired" is much too pale a word to describe what happened. Something suggesting let propulsion would be better. For I am a victim of American salesmanship at its finest—or worst.

And this is a warning of what will happen behind any unsuspecting British husband's back if and when we do what we are told, and learn that fine art as a way out of our difficulties.

Needless to say, it all happened while I was at the office.

According to my wife's story, a polite, good-looking young man knocked at the door. He asked my wife if she would like to have some friends in for lunch.

While the friends were coming over, the young man unpacked a set of these pots and pans. He set them up on the stove.

Then he brought in three different kinds of vegetables, some meat, and one of those add-a-cup-of-water pudding mixes.

While the girls were talking, he cooked lunch and served it.

"It was swell," said my wife, "and he even washed up afterwards. And he took so much trouble, and was so nice, that I just had to order a set."

Margaret Herrick took one, too. They're wonderful pots, and they'll be cheaper in the end because they save electricity."



YES, that is what can happen now that America has returned to what the economists call a "buyer's market." The poor consumer no longer chooses when he will go shopping. The shopping comes to him.

Every day one or two salesmen drop by my home, and usually while I am away. Men, boys, even women, have tried to sell us ties, nyons, underwear, fountain pens, delicacies from California, vacuum cleaners, British material "smuggled in from Canada," cut-rate subscriptions to magazines, soil for my garden, life insurance, and fresh vegetables.

Last week-end along came a salesman for a new tinnead dog food. He offered me a £20 insurance policy on my dog's life free if I would switch to his brand.

Perhaps a shotgun would frighten off such invaders of

one's privacy. But there are still the mails. Every day my letter-box is crammed with offers to send me a choice book every month, a different kind of cheese every month, a fruit of the month.

Twice a week there are catalogues from food parcel firms reminding me that it will be a lean Christmas in Britain again this year unless I pay up.

Remote-control salesmen keep on sending me coupons that entitle me to a free tin of soup, or free soap flakes.



DEST offer yet: a chance to win a million-dollar prize that a fridge firm is giving away for the right sort of tribute to their latest model.

Suppose you were able to seal yourself off from this invasion in person or by letter and telephone, you still could not escape American salesmanship.

For, as likely as not, a blimp will come sailing over your house and a perfect blue sky will be ruined by a mile wide advertising soda soap.

On the trains, leather-throated salesmen walk through selling magazines or sweets, or a book giving the simple rules to the new rummy game Canasta.

It does not let up in the sanctuaries of the office. Shoe-shine boys drop in to win you as a customer, and a parade of coloured messengers from the nearest lunch counters asks for the privilege of bringing you your office sandwich or your eleven-sea all piping hot in a vacuum flask.

## For tourists

THIS salesmanship business is catching. In Rockefeller Centre, New York's largest group of office buildings, most of the European tourist offices have their headquarters.

They don't come out and grab you from the pavement like the con men of New York's sight-seeing buses do, but they have learned about window-dressing.

For instance, the French have a window filled with a glamorous view of Montmartre. A Swedish airline serves what it calls "flying amorgasbord" in its pannes, and it has filled its window with a table spread with delicacies on wings.

As a fugitive from American salesmanship, I always get some comfort from starting into the British Railways offices. Their feature is a good old British Railways poster inviting me to "beautiful Bournemouth."

—(London Express Service)

Britain's Story  
Goes On Show

NEW details of the South Bank 1951 Festival of Britain Exhibition were issued recently by the Council of Industrial Design, who stress that the Exhibition will tell a continuous story, with each pavilion providing a chapter.

The theme is that British achievements in science, technology and industrial design have resulted from the initiative of the British people in developing the resources of their land.

The exhibition site, which is divided by the Hungerford railway bridge, will have Upstream and Downstream sequences. The Upstream sequence will tell the story of the land of Britain, and the Downstream sequence will be concerned with the people.

The Upstream exhibits will deal, among other things, with the wild life of Britain, agriculture and rural life—all in the great Dome of Discovery.

There will be demonstrations of coal-cutting machinery and other equipment.

The Industry Pavilion will take the story from raw materials to finished products. Sub-sections will deal with power, illumination, industrial research and design, and management.

The Hall of Production will show six main groups of industry—metal working, wood working, rubber and plastics, pottery and glass, textiles and food.

The Downstream Sequence will have an underlying theme of the aptitude of the British people for living and working in groups and yet retaining their individuality.

It will depict their character and tradition, their homes and gardens, the newest schools, health, sport, and the seaside in nine pavilions.

Sports played by Britons will be demonstrated by experts.

—(London Express Service)

## NANCY

Going to Fur

By Ernie Bushmiller

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President Roberto F. Chiari, the new President of Panama, shown soon after he took the oath of office. (AP Picture).

## New Barrister Enrolled At Supreme Court

Mr S. V. Gittins

Mr Samuel Victor Gittins, MA (Oxon), member of a family with a long association with the Colony, was admitted and enrolled as a barrister of the Supreme Court of Hongkong this morning. The application for admission was granted by the Chief Justice, Sir Leslie Gibson.

Making the application, the Attorney General (the Hon. J. H. Griffin, KC) said: "Mr Gittins has a long association with Hongkong. He was born here and received his boyhood education at the Diocesan Boys' School which he attended for 11 years. "Mr Gittins became a graduate of the Hongkong University and thereafter he went to England and went to Oriel College Oxford, and graduated in 1933. "Mr Gittins came to Hongkong after experiencing interruption caused by the war. Mr Gittins was commissioned in the Intelligence Corps and served in South-east Asia Command where he obtained the local rank of Lieutenant Colonel. After the war, Mr Gittins became a member of the Inner Temple and was called to the Bar by that Society in 1946. Since that time he has had experience in the legal division of the Ministry of Civil Aviation.

"On behalf of myself and the barristers and the profession I extend to him a warm welcome after experienced interruption which to many other people have experienced. Mr Gittins was commissioned in the Intelligence Corps and served in South-east Asia Command where he obtained the local rank of Lieutenant Colonel. After the war, Mr Gittins became a member of the Inner Temple and was called to the Bar by that Society in 1946. Since that time he has had experience in the legal division of the Ministry of Civil Aviation.

### CIJ'S REMARKS

The Chief Justice said it gave him great pleasure to approve, admit and enrol Mr Gittins as a barrister of the Supreme Court. In the career which lay ahead of him, his Lordship said he would expect Mr Gittins to carry out the duties of his profession both as regards his duty to the Court and as regards his duty to his fellow-barristers. If he pursued this Mr Gittins would find much pleasure in his profession.

"I wish you the best of luck and hope that your practice in Hongkong will be long and successful," concluded his Lordship.

Mr Gittins is the son of Mr Henry Gittins, well-known resident of the Colony. Before the war he played cricket regularly for the University and then for Kowloon Cricket Club. He took part in Interport swimming and while at Oriel College was awarded his half-blue for swimming. Mr Gittins was a Lieutenant in the former Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps.

## Radio Hongkong

11.00 "Hongkong Calling"—Programme Summary: 6.02 Children's Story—"Winter Holiday" by Arthur Hansome, Read by Captain Elliot (Studio); 6.25 Introduction to "Cantonese by Radio" by Mr John Barrow and Mr Robert Bruce; 6.40 Followed by Lesson No. 1—Given by Miss Wai Lan and Mr S. K. Lee. (Studio); 7.00 World News and News Analysis (London Relay); 7.15 "Sweet and Sentimental"—Presented by Martin Anderson. (Studio); 7.40 Studio Recital—Julia Lee (Soprano) Linda Hu (Piano). Accompanied by the Dorens. (Studio); 8.00 "From the Editor's Desk" (London Relay); 8.10 Sports Review; 8.15 "Music Lovers Hour"—Classical Request Programme—Presented by Yvonne Charter. (Studio); 8.15 "The Novel by A.E.W. Mason (Part 4) (BBC75); 8.45 "Composer of the Week"—Accompanied by the News Reel. (London Relay); 10.15 Weather Report; 10.18 "Grand Hotel"—Albert Sandier and The Palm Court Orchestra with Fred Townsend. (Contralto) (BBC75); 10.45 Repeat of "Music Lovers Hour"; 11.15 Weather Report; 11.40 Home News from Britain (Recorded from London Relay); God Save the King; 11.50 Close Down.

# UN Adopts Anglo-U.S. Peace Proposals

## SOVIET RESOLUTION REJECTED BY OVERWHELMING VOTE

Flushing Meadow, Dec. 1.—The United Nations General Assembly today rejected the Soviet Union's call for a five-Power peace pact and adopted a counter British-American resolution calling on members of the United Nations to obey the principles of peace laid down in the United Nations Charter.

The joint Anglo-American resolution also called on United Nations members to co-operate to establish international regulations on conventional armaments and the control of atomic energy, so as to restrict it to peaceful purposes.

It ended on the five permanent members of the Security Council—Britain, the United States, the Soviet Union, France and China—to exercise restraint in the use of the veto. The 59-nation Assembly, by an overwhelming vote of 53 in favour, approved the joint resolution. Only the Soviet Union, Byelo Russia, the Ukraine, Poland and Czechoslovakia opposed the resolution in the final vote, while Yugoslavia abstained.

### SEPARATE VOTES

The resolution, containing 12 points, was voted on paragraph by paragraph. Between 51 and 54 nations favoured each clause, while the Soviet Union and the Eastern European countries, excluding Yugoslavia, varied between negative votes and abstentions. Voting on the Soviet recommendations for a five-Power peace pact was opposed by 41 nations, with 10 abstentions. The paragraph of the Soviet resolution condemning "the present situation for a new war now being conducted in a number of countries, particularly in the United States and the United Kingdom," was opposed by all except the Soviet group, with Yugoslavia and Yemen abstaining.

Thirty-nine nations voted against that part of the Soviet resolution calling for the unconditional prohibition of atomic weapons enforced by international control. Fifteen abstained. Today's vote ended one of the most heated debates of this session of the Assembly.—Reuter.

### VYSHINSKY'S SPEECH

United Press adds that the vote came after the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr Andrei Vyshinsky, had told the Assembly that it was "monstrous" for the Western Powers to suggest that the Soviet Union should change its foreign policy.

In a parting shot in support of the Russian resolution, which still condemns the United States and Britain as warmongers, yet ask them to join Russia, Communist China and France, in a peace pact, Mr Vyshinsky said: "Marxism has achieved victory in one-sixth of the world. Now some powers want us to give it up. They argue that only this can safeguard the peace."

### "GLIB ARGUMENT"

"This is a monstrous and glib argument. Everyone knows we will not abandon our policy. It is a fair policy, which is a policy of peace. Peace is our main objective. Those who want peace should adhere to us."

Mr Vyshinsky, who is expected to sail for home tomorrow, was unexpectedly mild in his final plea that the

Assembly adopt the Russian resolution. Contenting himself for the most part with answering criticism of the Soviet Union, raised in the three-day Assembly debate on the proposals, Mr Vyshinsky said Russia's adherence in the world amounted to at least 800,000,000, and "I would even go so far as to say the figure is reaching 1,000,000,000."

### MCNEIL DEFENDS UK COLONIAL POLICY

Flushing Meadow, Dec. 1.—Mr Hector McNeil, of the United Kingdom, in a vigorous defence of British colonial policy, today rejected the right of the United Nations to establish international supervision over non-self-governing territories.

Mr McNeil charged that attempts at international supervision were "back-door" efforts to revise the Charter. His statement came as the General Assembly considered a series of 10 resolutions, approved by the Trusteeship Committee, which would considerably tighten United Nations supervision of the policies of administering authorities in non-self-governing territories. Mr McNeil said the resolutions held the "baseless assumption" that, in subscribing to the Charter, member states which accepted responsibility for the administration of non-self-governing territories had accepted the principle of international supervision over the administration of those territories.

### CHARGES RUSSIA

He said: "That such a departure from the meaning of the Charter has been taking place has been admitted by some declarations, but they nevertheless sought to excuse or explain it by appeals to the spirit of the Charter or to the possibility of the growth of conventional interpretation. In attempts to modify the Charter by Assembly resolution, by what may be called back-door methods, no delegation has been more determined in its insistence on the letter of the Charter than the delegation of the USSR."

"Representatives of the USSR in the Fourth Committee have attempted time and again, together with representatives of other member states, to read into Chapter 11 of the Charter (chapter on non-self-governing territories) obligations and

## Ex-Co Members Appointed

Today's Government Gazette announces that the King has been pleased to approve the appointment of the following unofficial members of the Executive Council until November 27, 1950:

Sir Arthur Morse, Hon D. F. Landale, Hon T. N. Chau, Mr Man-kin Lo, Dr S. N. Chau and Hon Leo D'Almada o Castro.

The King has also approved the appointment of Mr B. C. K. Hawkins as an Official member of the Executive Council until November 27, 1950.

## SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Sure, Dad, I realize how important money is—I need twice as much of it as I used to!"

## ITALIAN STRIKE

Few Incidents Reported

Rome, Dec. 1.—Italy's 24-hour Communist-led general strike today disrupted life less than any similar strike since the war, though Rome saw only one of its five evening newspapers.

Emergency transport services came to a halt in the big northern cities.

Most northern factories closed down but shops and most offices throughout the country were open.

The strike was in protest against the shooting of two farm workers in Southern Italy last week.

The only incidents reported were a revolver shot at one bus in Rome, the shooting of some soldiers and a clash with demonstrators in Milan, where three policemen were slightly injured and five strikers arrested.

Military lorries replaced mobilized public transport services in Milan, Turin and Bologna. In Rome 35 percent of the transport personnel maintained skeleton services.—Reuter.

## China Rejects U.S. Resolution

(Continued from Page 1)

area is already within the grip of Moscow."

Dr Tsing said that despite the sweeping claims of the Communists, resistance groups were holding out in areas already taken over by Mao's armies.

"The resistance is destined to be long and bitter. In fighting for national freedom and independence no price is too high. The pen and rebellion inside Communist-controlled areas of China are spreading far and wide. They are now in Manchuria, north and central China and in South China. The province of Kiangsu alone now has a guerrilla unit of some 200,000 men. Similar groups are found in the provinces of Hubei, Anhwei, Honan, Shensi, Kwantung and many other regions. Some of these groups are spontaneous and some are organized by the government but all of them maintain close liaison with the central authorities."

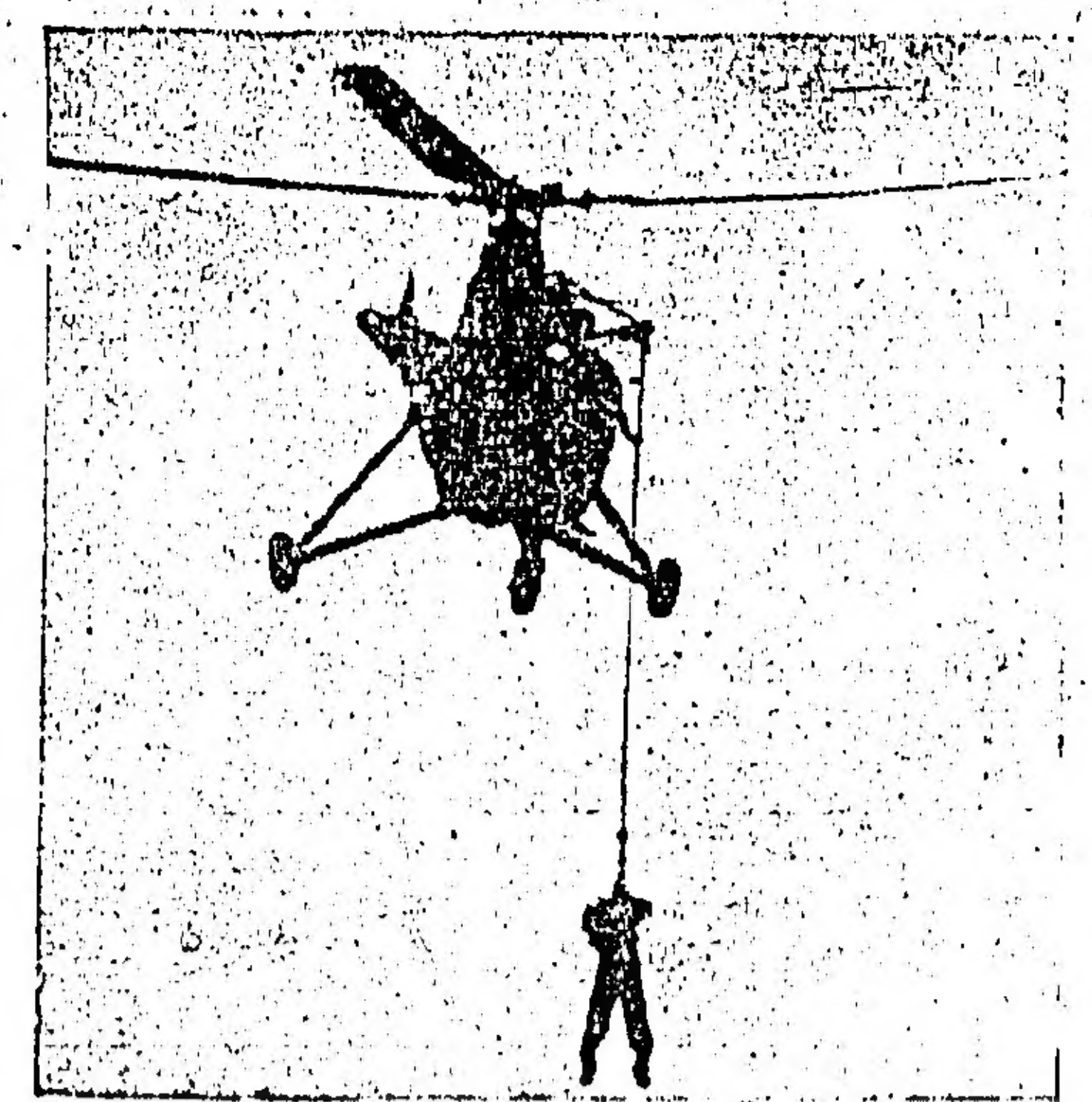
Dr Tsang traced the history of Japan's aggression which began in Manchuria in 1933 and said that Russia had begun it again. Although China is again the victim, certainly is not the last. He said the great powers of the League of Nations were unable to agree to bring pressure against the Japanese in the form of economic sanction.

He said, "The United Nations today, due to Soviet obstructionism, is not in a position to apply even economic sanctions against an aggressor. But the General Assembly... is the supreme organization in the world to pass moral judgment upon nations guilty of violating the Charter and treaty provisions and thus threatening peace. In presenting its case before the Assembly, the Chinese Government merely wishes 'hat the world would pass moral sanctions upon Soviet aggression. This is the least the United Nations can do to keep peace.'"

Mr Alex Bober of Yugoslavia again raised the question of the Nationalist delegation's right to represent China, but did not make any formal motion to challenge Tsang's credentials. He announced that Marshal Tito's government would, however, align itself with Russia's over the debate on China's charges against the Soviet Union and "will not participate in the vote on resolutions which are being submitted."

United Press.

## Rescued In Four Minutes



A helicopter rescues a United States Navy pilot from the sea after a landing mishap on the carrier Midway during recent North Atlantic exercises. The pilot dangles below the helicopter, safe within four minutes of the crash. (AP Picture).

## Send U.S. Troops To Formosa, Says Senator

## "CREEPING PARALYSIS OF COMMUNISM"

Washington, Dec. 1.—A Republican Senator, Mr Alexander Smith, who recently completed a tour of the Far East, today called for immediate United States action to halt the "creeping paralysis of Communism" in the Orient.

Mr Smith said the United States should send troops to Formosa to help the Chinese Nationalists hold it, as part of the American defence screen extending from Japan down through the Philippines.

He urged the abandonment of the State Department's present policy of "watchful waiting" in Asia, and the adoption of a dynamic programme to rally the oppressed peoples of the Far East to the American side in the cold war against Russia.

Mr Smith said that the United States should continue to recognize the Chinese Nationalist Government as long as it survives, and should not recognize the Communists.

"The Chinese Communist advance is definitely an alien invasion and is undermining the aspirations for freedom which all of these Far Eastern countries are struggling to attain," he said.

The question of further military aid for China should be left to the discretion of President Truman, acting on the advice of a committee of advisers, the creation of which Mr Smith suggested.

### JAPAN A BEACON

"Of all the Far Eastern areas we visited," said Mr Smith, "Japan stands out as a beacon of light and hope in an otherwise alarming picture. No one could be in Japan for even a short period without realising that an entirely new chapter in the history of the world is being written."

While Russia had won the cold war in China and elsewhere in the Orient, the Japanese General MacArthur "and his splendid group of associates are carrying on this war for men's minds and are demonstrating practically what Western Christian tradition is."

Mr Smith said there were three possible ways to defend Formosa against the Chinese Communists:

1. Military support to the Nationalist government.
2. Trusteeship under the United Nations.
3. Take the position that, until the Japanese peace treaty is signed, Formosa is still technically part of Japan, and send token occupation force of American troops into the island.

Mr Smith said he thought this last plan was the most logical of the three, since he believed the Communists would not dare openly to attack Formosa if it were under US protection.

Asked whether he believed Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek would accept such a plan, Mr Smith said there would be no alternative, since "he knows he cannot hold out without us."

UNIFIED COMMAND One of the most important steps for the United States to take in the Far East was a unified command for all the area. He was in no position to recommend who should be leader of such a command, but he believed General MacArthur would be the obvious choice. Summing up his impressions of the Far East, Mr Smith said: "Throughout our entire trip, whether we were in Japan, the

## Germany Applies To Join Ruhr Authority

Bonn, Dec. 1.—The West German Government today formally applied through the Allied High Commission to join the International Ruhr Authority, which controls Germany's great industrial base.

The High Commission passed on the request immediately.

The Germans, in their application, referred to Clause 2 of the Bonn Agreement signed last week by the West German Chancellor, Dr Konrad Adenauer, and the three Commissioners.

This clause made clear that Article 31 of the Ruhr Statute requiring Germany to assume the obligations demanded by the "four big Powers" referred only to obligations already specified in the Statute.

The Allied High Commission interrupted a regular session this afternoon to meet the Ruhr Authority's American chairman, Mr Henry Parkman, and its Belgian Secretary-General, M. Kreckembich, and hand over the application.

During this meeting the Commissioners handed to the Ruhr Authority the report of the Special Committee, formed two months ago on French insistence, which has investigated alleged German discriminatory practices.

One of the points investigated concerned the difference between internal German coal prices and those for export, alleged by the French to constitute discrimination against foreign industrial uses of German coal.

The Ruhr Authority is expected to discuss the report next week but the High Commission reserves the right to make a final decision on the question.

The German authorities, however, have already held that their own proposals for pricing coal will continue to form the basis of any Allied decisions and will only be vetoed if they are considered to increase the need for foreign aid.—Reuter.



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# FOR THE BUSINESSMAN

## McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

Faulty Reasoning Loses Good Double

BY WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

CHARLES SANDERS of New York City won sufficient points at the recent national tournament in Chicago to become a life master. Sanders is a businessman, associated with Denison and Hedges, and bridge is really a pastime to him. Not many people get as much fun out of the game of bridge as he does.

In commenting on the bidding of today's hand, Sanders thought that West might have tried a bid of six clubs over five diamonds; but it is doubtful if East and West could have arrived at a safe seven diamond contract. North's jump to four spades crowded the bidding a little too much for them.

Sanders (South) trumped the opening lead of the three of diamonds, led the five of spades to dummy's ace and

▲AQ1097  
♥732  
♦864  
♣63

▲43  
♥None  
♦AQ109  
♣KJ73

None  
♥None  
♦None  
♣KJ73

Tournament—E-W vul.  
South West North East  
1. ♠ Double 4. ♠ Double  
2. ♠ 6. ♠ 6. ♠ Double  
Opening—♠ 3. 30

came back to his own hand by playing a spade to the king. Now he led the king of hearts. West won the trick and East showed out.

"Now," said Sanders, all West had to do was to lay down the king of clubs to defeat the contract. But he didn't. He reasoned unwisely that his partner had not trumped, and he led a heart for him to ruff.

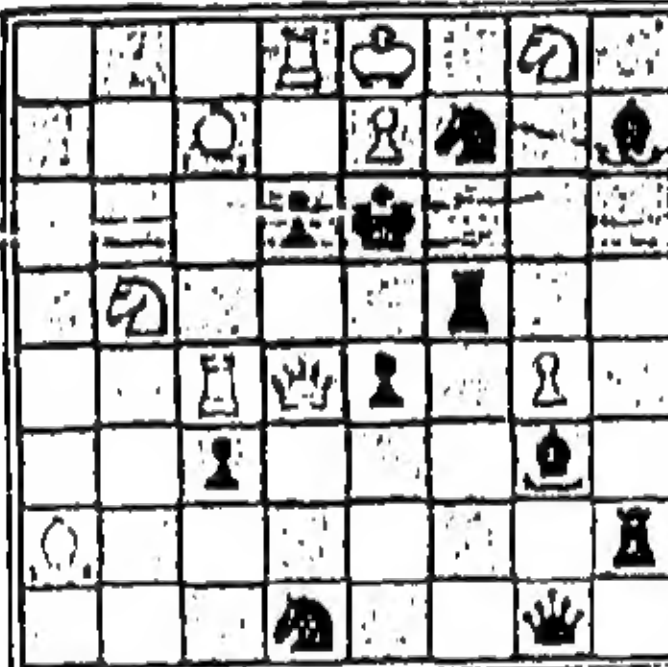
Sanders was able to discard dummy's two clubs on the great hearts, and ruff his five of clubs.

It was a careless play on the part of West, because he could see that declarer had plenty of opportunity to pick up any adverse trumps. "But," said Sanders, "that is why bridge is an interesting game."

## CHESS PROBLEM

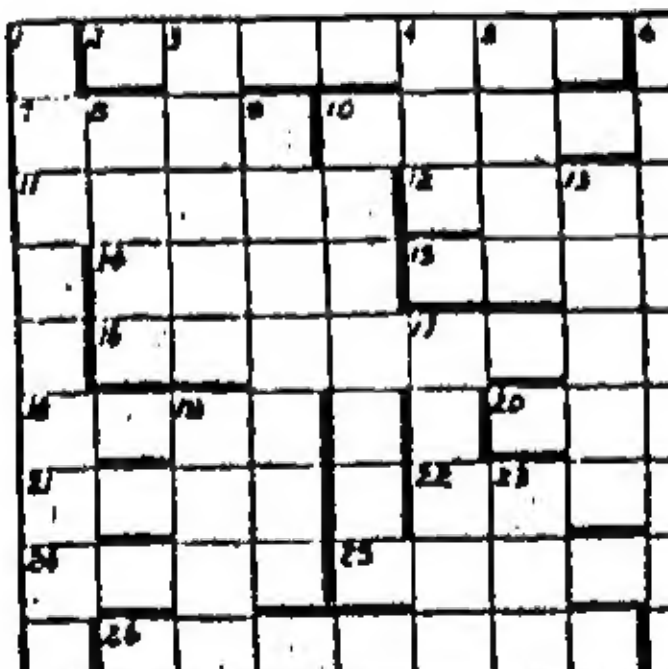
By K. A. L. KUBBEL

Black, 11 pieces.



White, 10 pieces.  
White to play and mate in two.  
Solution to yesterday's problem:  
1. P-Kt4 (=Q), any; 2. Q, B, Kt, or P mates.

## CROSSWORD



Across  
2. Mechanised dancing soldiers. (7)  
3. This bird is a bee. (4)  
10. Obviously it's better to a sailor (5)  
11. Such a man should have his quota of civil pride. (5)  
12. It's so soothing. (4)  
13. A drop of sorrow. (4)  
14. The eye takes this plant. (4)  
15. Suitable classification for a bore. (10)  
16. Last word in this ornament. (4)  
17. Runner of Switzerland or in this kingdom if you like. (3)  
21. Answer of 10 Down. (4)  
22. Good to the highest degree. (4)  
23. He made a void. (4)  
24. In Greece this architecture he longed to build. (6)  
25. It rated as clothed. (7)

Down  
1. The old-time warrior sound of his cavalry instincts. (10)  
3. Does it record the number of its string? (5)  
5. Famous as a hamper. (6)  
6. It makes them chills on the inside edge. (6)  
7. This motor car height. (4)  
8. The age little Edward looked for. (4)  
9. You have when you get there. (7)  
10. The weakest of these regulate. (4)  
11. Olden time lamp that needed a light of words. (6)  
17. Answer of 21 Across. (4)  
23. Previous to the heraldic sense. (5)  
Solution of yesterday's puzzle—Across:  
1. Banner-joy. G. Pashley. 10. Rags. 11. 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# American Federation Of Labour Supports Free International

London, Dec. 1.—Mr William Green, President of the American Federation of Labour, drew frequent applause from the Free World Labour Conference here today when he pledged his union to the new International and declared that American workers were prepared "at any cost" to win the battle for human welfare, decency and democracy.

Denying that Marshall Aid aimed at the capitalist control of needy countries, he said: "We do not want to dictate the politics of any recipient nation. Our unswerving ideal for peace put this responsibility upon us all. We want to make peace-loving nations strong and prosperous."

Of President Truman's new famous "Point Four" programme for economic assistance to under-developed countries, he declared: "We will not allow this to become a new honeymoon for exploitation. He warned the delegates of the world were now facing a conspiracy to destroy them and urged a strong international

"We are ready to give our all to such a movement," he declared, adding that the trade union movement could lead the world to peace.

He ridiculed promises of economic security offered on Soviet principles. "Social security and forced labour are the very opposite of each other," he said. "When labour is not free to forge the weapons for its improvement there is no security."

## A POUND OF TEA

Comparing the lot of the American workers with that of the Russian labour in the "no-called Soviet paradise," Mr Green listed a series of food items which, he said, took four to six times as long to earn in Russia as they did in the United States. "How in Britain would you

like to work 25 hours and six minutes to enjoy tea," he asked the laughing delegates.

In comparison, he said, one pound of tea could be obtained for 50 minutes of work in the United States.

The American labour leader said that what had been called a "recession" in the United States since the war should more properly have been called a "post-war readjustment."

There was no depression, he said. "If any depression exists, it is in Russia and the Communist world which has been saying that American economy was about to collapse. There is not a grain of truth in the propaganda that the American economy is unstable."

## THE PROBLEM

The debate was introduced by Mr Irving Brown, the European representative of the American Federation of Labour, who said that in the under-developed areas of the world the problem was not to repair the old industrial machine but to create an industrial organisation.

The great mass of people who live in Asia, Africa, and South America must be assisted in the way of capital investment, technical assistance and measures to raise the standard of living. "The world can be provided with food, clothing and shelter," he said, "but it cannot be provided with the means to produce them."

## FIVE POINTS

1. The expansion of production and capital investment to improve everywhere the workers' standard of living.

2. Social security.

3. The exposure and elimination of forced labour in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe.

4. The extension of economic co-operation on a regional or continental basis leading to real world co-operation.

5. The extension of the role of trade unions in government and inter-governmental agencies.

Mr A. Prokash, of the Austrian Federation of Labour, welcomed the Conference today to help in getting a peace treaty for Austria, which suffered heavy burdens through continued occupation.

"We should be very happy if we could be liberated from our tyrannies," he said.

## INCREASED TAXES

Mr Prokash said that Austria's economy could not have developed as it had without assistance from abroad, including Marshall Aid.

Contributing to the deterioration of the social conditions in Austria, he said, was the high cost of occupation to the state, which now had to increase taxes to meet the bill.

In addition, the country still lacked thousands of its workers, who had not returned from detention as prisoners of war.

M. Michalski, Poles, of the Cyprus workers' Confederation, appealed to the Conference to help Cyprus "break off its chains" of British control, which, he said, permitted "terrible" working conditions in the island.

## LOW WAGES

They had to fight not only Communism but imperialism as well, he said. The workers had no social insurance or collective organisation and their wages were extremely low.

"Conditions are much worse than in Africa and some other countries," he said.

He complained that the British Government had shut its eyes to the injuries suffered by trade unionists in their struggle against the Communists, but he told the conference that the new trade unions had successfully "liberated" the majority of members from the Communist group.—Reuter.

## NO SEPARATE TREATY

Berlin, Dec. 1.—The Soviet Union has no intention of concluding a separate peace treaty with the East German Republic, Mr V. Semenov, Ambassador and Soviet Political Advisor, told leading East German politicians here today, according to German sources.

He said close contact with the Soviet High Commission.—Reuter.

## Champagne For Two



In New York, Lord Milford Haven pours champagne for his fiancée, Mrs Romaline Simpson. She wore a new gown with an ostrich feather bodice. (London Express Service.)

## Arab Refugees Present Tragic Human Problem

London, Dec. 1.—The Foreign Secretary, Mr Ernest Bevin, said in a message today that the plight of hundreds of thousands of Arab refugees in the Middle East was a "most tragic human problem" which challenged Christians the world over.

## Three-Day Week For US Miners

### Decision By Lewis

New York, Dec. 1.—John L. Lewis on Thursday put his 400 thousand soft-coal miners back on a three-day work week effective from December 5.

Lewis issued a brief announcement after meeting with his top Union Policy Committee. He said the soft-coal strike which began at midnight, will be in full effect until Monday when miners will resume work on a three-day work basis.

At the same time Lewis authorized all Union officers to negotiate new contracts "with any or all individual coal companies."

He said that when the contracts are signed, the three-day work schedule would end, and miners would work as many hours per week as the new contracts called for. The three-day miners will work each week on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. This is almost the same way by which Lewis put his miners on a three-day week earlier this year.

Miners were direct last July 5 to work only three days a week because the coal stockpile was building up, and miners were being thrown off of jobs all over the country. At that time Lewis said that a shorter working week would stabilise the coal industry and provide jobs for all miners.

Lewis outlined his plan for a shorter working week at last year's convention of the United Mine Workers. He told the convention that this year "or at any other time when evil days come upon this industry, we will find the United Mine Workers of America moving."

And if there are only three days work in this industry, we will all have three days work. If we are going to starve in this industry at any time, we will just all starve together."

Lewis handed out a terse statement while Policy Committee members were still in the crowded meeting room at the Hotel Roosevelt.

"You have our statement," Lewis told reporters. "That will not be amplified, and there will be no further comment of any kind."—United Press.

## HOW TO KEEP YOUNG

Paris, Dec. 1.—Eighteen people suffering from incurable diseases met in a Paris restaurant and awarded a literary 5,000 franc prize to Dr Julien Bernonville, 90-year-old physician well-known for his books on "how to keep young through good food, liquor and merry making."

The award is called the Prix Scaron, after a French writer of the 17th century who, although paralysed, was reputed to be the wildest man of his time.

Dr Bernonville is now "keeping young" on a sea cruise.—Reuter.

## Tide Slowly Turning In Malaya

London, Dec. 1.—"The tide seems to be turning slowly against the handful of desperate men who seek to impose their rule by violence on the peoples of Malaya," said The Times of London in an editorial today.

"The bandits have been driven to take refuge in the hills and dense jungles of Pahang, Northern and Southern Perak and Selangor," said Henry Curney, the High Commissioner, told the Legislative Council a fortnight ago that the "state of emergency" might possibly be lifted, it said.

"There are no signs, however, that the hard core of the rebellion is breaking."

The difficulty is that the Communist victories in China have given the rebels themselves fresh heart. They still hope that if they can continue the struggle they may receive help from Peking, and so long as the bandits remain under arms, the severe strain upon British, Malay and Chinese officials and private citizens will continue.

### FIRST TASK

All the efforts of the security forces have not yet brought relief to government servants, planters and mine managers working with great heroism in lonely and dangerous places still exposed to bandit attack.

The first task is still to restore and keep the peace. While the light goes on, the Government, helped by the Communities Liaison Committee, is preparing for further constitutional advance by trying to bring Malays and Chinese closer together.

A unanimous decision of the Legislative Council, Malay and English shall be taught together in all government and aided schools and the Malayan Chinese Association has agreed to do so.

"It may still be" said The Times, "that if the rebellion can be put down it will prove to have killed the different racial elements in a common determination, in spite of the Communist threat, to reach responsible self-government in an orderly fashion."—Associated Press.

### BODY RECOVERED

Berlin, Dec. 1.—After a four day search, a police rescue squad today unearthed the body of one of two brothers crushed when rubble from a bombed building collapsed on them.

Police had once given up the search, but decided to make one last try. They found the body of Jurgen Gebel, 10, and are hatching their search for his eight year old brother, Klaus.—Associated Press.

### HAPLESS VICTIMS

The question of continuing the international arrangements for the relief of the refugees is now coming up for discussion at the United Nations.

"We earnestly hope that a workable scheme will emerge for continuing some measures of relief for a further period. In the present circumstances, any contribution we may be able to make must, of necessity, be a very limited one."

In any case, the action of governments and of international organisations could at best only provide the barest necessities of food and shelter. This was all the more reason to welcome the Christian Relief Appeal.

The Archbishop of York, Dr Cyril Garbett, told the conference: "In the Holy Land today close on a million refugees, hapless victims of war, driven by fear and hate from their homes, remain a reproach on the consciences of the civilised world."

### SECOND WINTER

"From the Christian aspect we cannot continue to shut our eyes to it from a practical one. A vast mass of destitute and despairing people, now facing their second winter in exile and growing daily more demoralised, represent a threat to world peace."

During and after the war, Dr Garbett said, he had often spoken strongly in support of appeals for Jewish refugees. "It is only right now that when I am asked to do so I should make this appeal for the unhappy refugees today from the Holy Land."

The temporary aid being given by the United Nations and the Red Cross was "not enough to restore the morale of a people reduced to a state of utter hopelessness and without a future."

The relief measures now in operation must be extended and developed, he added.

The appeal aims at raising £500,000 to be distributed through existing relief organisations.—Reuter.

### Severe Floods In Southern Portugal

Lisbon, Dec. 1.—Floodwaters rolled through southern Portugal on Thursday, tying up communications, destroying homes, washing away bridges, and damaging crops. The streets of Tavira city were several feet under water, and heavy damage was reported. Many residents are fleeing in panic. The floods were caused by heavy storms which kept all fishing craft tied up.—United Press.

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## MANIFESTO OF WFTU MEETING

San Francisco, Dec. 1.—The conference of Asian and Australasian countries which ended in the Chinese Communist capital of Peking today has called upon the working class in Asia to close its ranks to counter an alleged attempt by "imperialists and their agents" to organise "a united reactionary front for an offensive against the forces of democracy and peace" in Asia.

The call was embodied in a lengthy manifesto issued to the "working men and women" of Asian countries. Quoted by a Communist broadcast heard here tonight, the manifesto expressed the conference's determination "to put an end to the system of colonies, protectorates and dependent territories regarded as a phase of economic imperialism."

It calls upon world's working class, and particularly that of Britain, America, France and Holland, "to express its vigorous sympathy to its brothers of the oppressed peoples, and to bring them all the help and support that it possibly can."

This would be a sacred duty in keeping with international solidarity, the manifesto maintained.

### MASS MOVEMENTS

Confirming a recent Moscow report that the conference had established a permanent Liaison Bureau of the World Federation of Trade Unions, the manifesto said that its task was to develop and strengthen the ties among the trade unions of the Asian countries, and between the union national centres of these countries and the WFTU.

The manifesto also told Asian working people this: "In the cities under white terror, apply with good judgment and elasticity the tactics that can best ensure the defence of your interests. Active trade unionists, you must be present wherever the masses are, even in the trade unions, organisations, institutions, led by reactionaries."

"You must organise the day-to-day struggle of the masses for the defence of their interests, particularly to oppose slave labour and every kind of discrimination."

"In this way you should prepare and gather forces to organise—when a favourable opportunity arises—broad mass movements that will deliver decisive blows to the reactionary forces."

### CONFERENCE AIMS

Asian workers and "oppressed peoples" were also called to "resist determinedly the armed offensive of the colonialists and to give all the help that they possibly can to the peoples waging a hard struggle to defend

### LIAISON BUREAU

Peking Radio also reported tonight that the Liaison Bureau set up by the conference would have its headquarters in China, temporarily in Peking.

Decided upon by the Executive Bureau of the World Federation of Trade Unions, the Liaison Bureau would be represented by four members: one representative for the All-China Federation of Labour, one for the All-India Trade Union Congress, one for the Soviet Trade Unions, and one for the Australian Trade Unions.

The Australian representative would be nominated in agreement with the Trade Union International (trade department) of the WFTU.

The designation of all four members would have to be approved by the Executive Bureau of the WFTU, the Radio said.

The chief representative on the Bureau would be the member designated by the All-China Federation of Labour.

Addressing the Peking conference, Mr Solovoy, representing Mr V. Kuznetsov of the Executive Bureau of the WFTU, said that the aim of the Liaison Bureau would be to further consolidate "the unity of the working class in all countries and improving the exchange of experience and information, as well as the practical assistance to trade unions facing particularly difficult conditions."

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